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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed below and on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (substitutes for form 1449/PTO) are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Copies of the cited documents are attached.

**English Language Patent Document**

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**English Language Non-Patent Documents:**

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning copies of the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (substitutes for form 1449/PTO) with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report in connection with the counterpart European patent application No. EP 03 70 8726. Please note that all of the above-listed references have been cited in the Supplementary European Search Report dated June 7, 2006. Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months from the date of the Supplementary European Search Report and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required for the present submission.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. **502486** for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. **502486**.

Respectfully submitted,

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